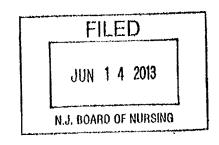
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE CERTIFICATION OF

Administrative Action

NATHACHA GUZMAN Certification # 26NH11225400 CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE AS A HOMEMAKER-HOME HEALTH AIDE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of a flagging report from the Criminal History Review Unit stating that Nathacha Guzman ("Respondent") was arrested on January 28, 2013 by the New Brunswick Police Department for N.J.S.A. 2C:20-4A, Theft by Deception.

Specifically, Respondent and her husband initially applied for and completed several eligibility and redetermination applications for medical coverage through the Family Care Program from September

1998 through August 2010. The applications were made and medical coverage payments were granted based on Respondent representing that her employment was the only source of income for her family. An investigation conducted by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's office concluded that Respondent's husband, who was in this country illegally, used an assumed identity which enabled him to secure employment. Thus both Respondent and her husband were fully employed but neither party reported their earnings. On April 26, 2011, Respondent signed a written statement admitting that her husband had been employed during the time they had accepted Family Care Program benefits. On April 10, 2012, Respondent and her husband agreed and consented to an intentional Family Care Program violation which resulted in an overpayment of \$48,607.00 in medical benefits and they agreed to start repayment of \$200.00 a month effective May 1, 2012. A letter from the Assistant Prosecutor dated on or about January 18, 2013 states that Middlesex County consents to Respondent's entry into a thirty-six (36) month Pretrial Intervention (PTI) program with the restitution balance of \$46,757.00 to be made to the Middlesex County Board of Social Services.

The Board finds that Respondent's conduct in making false statements in connection with the payment of government health care benefits and her use of dishonesty, fraud, deception or misrepresentation, relate adversely to the practice as a certified

homemaker-home health aide within the intendment of $\underline{\text{N.J.s.A.}}$ 45:1-21(b) and (k).

The Board having reviewed this matter, and having considered the nature of the above conduct, and having determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public, in lieu of further proceedings, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this 14th day of June, 2013

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice as a certified homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey shall be suspended for a minimum period of thirty-six (36) months, to run concurrently with the term of the Pretrial Intervention program, and until further Order of the Board.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN, FAAN

Board President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Mathagha Gurman

Date